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IRAQ | A WAVE OF DESTRUCTION



WRECKAGE: U.S. military personnel and Iraqi security forces investigate the scene of a massive car bomb attack Monday on the headquarters of the Red Cross in Baghdad. Striking on the first day of the holy Islamic month of Ramadan, a series of bombings at the Red Cross and three police stations killed three dozen people and wounded more than 200. ♦ **A coordinated effort:** Tactics suggest a heightened level of planning by the insurgents | Page 5

Fires Ravage California

Easing Santa Ana winds may aid firefighting efforts

SAN DIEGO | Ash fell on the beach like snow and drivers turned on their headlights in the smoky daytime streets Monday as wildfires skipped through the hills of Southern California and threatened 30,000 more homes.

California's deadliest outbreak of fires in more than a decade has destroyed at least 1,100 homes, killed at least 13 people and consumed more than 400,000 acres stretching from the Mexican border to the suburbs northeast of Los Angeles.

The dry, hot Santa Ana winds that have fanned the flames began to ease Monday, raising hopes that overwhelmed firefighters could make progress with the help of reinforcements on their way from other Western states. But the danger was still high.

President Bush designated the fire-stricken region a major disaster area, opening the door to grants, loans and other aid to residents and businesses in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties.

Gov. Gray Davis moved to activate the National Guard and summon help from nearby states. He predicted the cost of the fires would be in the billions. **SETH HETTENA (AP)**

♦ **Caught by surprise:** Many victims apparently underestimated the speed of the onrushing flames. | Page 3

Muhammad Sought Bullets, Cousin Says

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | Weeks before the sniper attacks that terrorized the Washington area, John Allen Muhammad showed a cousin in Louisiana a rifle and claimed he was on a covert military operation, the cousin said Monday at Muhammad's trial, which is now in the second week of testimony.

Charlene Anderson testified that she allowed Muhammad and fellow sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo to stay in her Louisiana home for a few days in 2002.

Anderson said Muhammad asked where he could buy bullets for the rifle and told her he was on an undercover mission to recover plastic explosives that had disappeared from the military. **(AP)** ♦ **For More:** Trial details | Page 8

EyeOpeners



DUANE CROCK/THE CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE/AP

GREAT OUTDOORS Super Sniffer

There's a new defense against odors that waft from Iowa's factory farms. It's the Nasal Rangers — a group of state employees trained to determine which smells are too stinky. The rangers must have a good, but not too sensitive, nose of their own, and use an olfactometer — a device that resembles a radar gun for the nose — to help them sniff out smells. Their findings will be part of a two-year study to help lawmakers decide if the state needs new air quality standards. (AP)

CHARITY Blood/Alcohol Levels

United Blood Services of Durango, Colo., held an unusual blood drive last weekend, partnering with four local breweries to offer donors a free pint of beer for a pint of blood. There was a little more at stake for the brewers than just civic pride: The owner of the brewery that collected the least amount of blood would have to dye his hair — blood red, of course. (AP)

EDUCATION Intro to Irony

Former Sterling Heights, Mich., city manager Steve Duchane is facing a public flap after apparently lying about his education in order to teach an ethics class at nearby Oakland University, WDIV-TV in Detroit reported. The revelation follows Duchane's dismissal last Tuesday from his city manager post for falsely claiming to have a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan-Flint. (EXPRESS)



WHO KNEW? The city of Lucedale, Miss., has passed an ordinance requiring horses and other livestock to wear diapers while they're in town, despite protests from animal owners. The law is due to take effect Nov. 7. (AP)

HALLOWEEN Do the Bartman

If you're in Chicago, the last person you want to be is Steve Bartman, the 26-year-old baseball fan whose bid for a foul ball may have cost the Cubs a shot at the World Series. But the Renegades youth baseball team is betting just about everybody will want to be Bartman for Halloween. The team is selling its sweatshirts — a key piece



SCOTT STRAZZANTE/AP

of the Bartman playoff-day ensemble of sweatshirt, headphones and Cubs hat — on its Web site, the Chicago Tribune reported. (EXPRESS)

FOOD Mild Tacos, Hot Tempers

Columbus, Ga., resident Rhonda Grant was slapped with a \$165 fine for disorderly conduct last week for allegedly screaming and cursing after drive-thru workers mixed up her \$17 food order earlier this month,

the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer reported. When Grant discovered the mistake, an employee demanded she pull over so other customers could be waited on. Judge Mary Buckner admonished Grant, but told the restaurant it needed to allow customers time to check their orders for errors. (EXPRESS)

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In Brief

TAMPA, FLA.

Lawyers Mulling Challenge in Schiavo Right-to-Die Case

The husband of a severely brain-damaged woman has until Wednesday to challenge the constitutionality of a week-old law that authorized Governor Jeb Bush to intervene in the contentious right-to-die case. Bush used the law to order Terri Schiavo's feeding tube reinserted Oct. 21, six days after her husband had it removed with a court's approval. Michael Schiavo has been battling his in-laws for years to carry out what he says is his wife's wish to not be kept alive artificially. (AP)

WASHINGTON

States, Cities Sue EPA Over New Clean Air Regulations

Twelve states and several Northeast cities sued the Environmental Protection Agency on Monday to try to block the Bush administration's changes to the Clean Air Act. EPA's new rule makes it easier to upgrade utilities, refineries and other industrial facilities without installing additional pollution controls. It will take effect in two months, and states have up to three years to comply. (AP)

CHICAGO

Pediatrician Arrested With Child Porn, Knockout Drugs

A Chicago pediatrician was arrested after thousands of images of child pornography were found on his computers, federal prosecutors said Monday. Dr. H. Marc Watzman, 37, also had a hidden panel in his car that contained drugs such as morphine, compounds used to induce unconsciousness and a substance used to induce temporary muscular paralysis. He was charged with possession of child pornography. He has not been accused of trying to use the drugs on anyone. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Stem Cell Researchers Say Human Clinical Trials Likely

The pioneers of stem cell research said Monday they expect clinical trials in humans within five years. Political opposition and limited federal funding have delayed efforts to learn how the cells can be used, but work is beginning to progress, James Thomson and John Gearhart said at a briefing at the National Press Club. (AP)

Many Perish Trying to Outrun Fires

Fast-spreading Calif. wildfires claim 13 lives in just a few days

SAN DIEGO | As flames closed in, a neighbor ran to Nancy Morpew's door to warn her. But Morpew didn't seem worried about getting out in time.

"She met me at the front door and said, 'I know, I know. Go help other people,'" David Wallace recalled. "She seemed like she had a plan."

After the fire tore through Sunday, Morpew was found dead in the road, her burned-out truck sitting at the bottom of a steep ditch along Yellow Brick Road.

Like many of the 13 people who died in the wildfires burning across Southern California, Morpew — a 51-year-old woman who took pride in running her own horse ranch — apparently underestimated how fast the flames were moving.

Morpew apparently was overcome by flames after climbing her way out of the ditch, according to the county Medical Examiner's Office.



SPENCER WEINER/THE LOS ANGELES TIMES/AP

California Department of Forestry firefighters in Piru, Calif., face a wall of flames near homes on Monday. The hot Santa Ana winds driving wildfires across parts of Southern California eased during the day, but officials warned fires still posed a threat.

Her empty horse trailer was spilled about 25 yards behind the truck.

Elsewhere in Valley Center, Ashley Roach died Sunday after fire trapped the car she was riding in. She had been trying to escape with her brother. He was rescued by firefighters.

At least nine other people were killed by the fires in San Diego. Their names were not immediately released, and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department had few details on their deaths:

Two people were found in a car,

and another person was found close by in a driveway near the community of Moreno. MICHELLE MORGANTE (AP)

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RESPONDING TO CHARGES THE WHITE HOUSE IS NOT COOPERATING
WITH AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION PROBING THE 9/11 ATTACKS.

TWA-800 Parts Transferred for Study

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. | More than seven years after TWA Flight 800 exploded over the Atlantic Ocean off Long Island, the reconstructed jumbo jet has been packed up and is being sent to a college in Virginia, where it will be used to train air safety investigators.

All 230 people aboard the plane died minutes after takeoff from Kennedy Airport on a flight to Paris on July 17, 1996.

The National Transportation Safety Board found that Flight 800 was destroyed by a center fuel tank explosion, probably caused by a

spark from a short-circuit in the wiring that ignited vapors in the tank.

As part of its investigation, the NTSB rebuilt a 96-foot section of the Boeing 747 in a hangar at the site of a former defense contractor in Calverton, on eastern Long Island.

The jetliner has since been taken apart and packed into shipping containers and will now be sent to the NTSB's new training academy on the campus of George Washington University in Ashburn, Va., said NTSB spokesman Paul Schlamm. (AP)

N.J. Investigates Case Of Malnourished Boys

Nine welfare workers fired after adopted kids found starving

TRENTON, N.J. | The body of a 7-year-old boy found in a box in a basement nearly a year ago prompted a shake-up at New Jersey's child welfare agency. The agency reviewed all open cases, hired 366 more employees and received \$30 million in emergency aid.

Despite those changes, four adopted boys — one of them 19 — were found earlier this month malnourished and weighing less than 50 pounds each.

Their adoptive parents were charged last week with starving them. On Monday, nine child welfare employees were fired and the state announced another review of recently compiled safety assessments of children in state care.

Social workers had visited the boys' house in Collingswood as many as 38 times in two years, state officials said. Some of those visits had been ordered of all children in state care after the Newark death last January. Gov. James E. McGreevey said Monday the state is investigating whether criminal charges should be filed against the caseworker.

The 19-year-old remained hospitalized Monday in a cardiac unit, while the other boys, ages 14, 10 and 9, were doing well in foster homes, Camden County Prosecutor Vincent P. Sarubbi said.

Authorities said the boys were locked out of the kitchen and fed a diet of uncooked pancake batter, peanut butter and jelly, and cereal. The boys told investigators they also gnawed insulation. They were found after a neighbor discovered the oldest boy rummaging through trash for food. JOHN P. MCALPIN (AP)

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Nation

GOP Bigwigs Stump in Miss.

Former Republican party chief looks to oust Democratic governor

JACKSON, MISS. | In a contest cast as a test of President Bush's popularity leading into 2004, GOP luminaries are trooping through Mississippi to promote former party chairman Haley Barbour in his bid to unseat Democratic Gov. Ronnie Musgrove.

Former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole appeared in Biloxi and Jackson on Friday to

brag on Barbour, a well-connected Washington lobbyist, Republican National Committee chairman from 1993 to 1997 and member of the George W. Bush's exploratory committee before the 2000 presidential election.

On Saturday, three days before the Nov. 4 election, Bush plans to make two stops in state Republican strongholds.

In a state that leans Republican in federal elections and splits between the two parties for state and local

races, Musgrove has not invited in national Democratic figures and even avoids mention of his party's name in his advertising.

Instead, he touts himself as "independent" and "conservative."

Both national parties are pumping money into the most expensive governor's race in state history.

Barbour has received \$2 million from the Republican Governors Association, and Musgrove has gotten \$1.6 million from the Democratic Governors Association, according to recent campaign finance reports.

EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS (AP)



Barbour

ABC Test Backs Report On JFK's Assassination

NEW YORK | ABC News has conducted an exhaustive investigation of the Kennedy assassination, complete with a computer-generated reconstruction, which irrefutably confirms that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone, the network said Monday.

A two-hour special on the event is scheduled to air Nov. 20, two days before the 40th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's killing. The conclusion that Oswald alone shot Kennedy during a motorcade

in Dallas mirrors that of the Warren Commission, the official government inquiry into the assassination. Yet even today, there remains a reservoir of doubt about the incident, largely fed by government secrecy and Oliver Stone's movie on the assassination.

ABC News worked with an expert who created a computer-generated reconstruction of the shooting based on maps, physical measurements, more than 500



President Kennedy rides through Dallas just minutes before he was shot.

photographs, films and autopsy reports, ABC said.

Through interviews and other documentation, ABC News also concludes that Jack Ruby, who later killed Oswald, acted simply out of his love for Kennedy. DAVID BAUDER (AP)

APPRECIATION | TIP OF THE HAT



NATHAN MARTIN/AP

FOR ART'S SAKE: Decked out in "Cat in the Hat" costumes, Yesenia Vadi and Tiquoria Jackson watch the unveiling of a new postage stamp honoring Dr. Seuss creator Theodor Geisel in Springfield, Mass. on Monday. The stamp goes on sale March 2 on what would have been Geisel's 100th birth-

N.Y. Times Hires First Ombudsman

NEW YORK | Daniel Okrent, an author and former magazine editor, was named Monday as The New York Times's first ombudsman to review coverage, follow up on reader complaints and write periodic columns.

The position, called public editor, was created three months ago after an internal probe into the Jayson Blair scandal.

Okrent, 55, will fill the position for an 18-month term beginning Dec. 1. After the term is over, the Times plans to review the position and decide whether to renew it.

A Times investigation found the newspaper published three dozen stories by Blair that included fabrications, factual errors and instances of plagiarism. (AP)

In Brief

RUSSIA
Strong Chance 13 Trapped Miners Are Still Alive

Rescue workers labored to gouge a tunnel through solid rock Monday to reach 13 miners missing since icy water flooded into their coal mine four days ago. Officials say they believe there is a strong chance the men are alive. On Saturday, 33 other miners who had been trapped were brought to the surface from the Zapadnaya mine in southern Russia. The miners were working some 800 meters below the surface on Thursday when water from a subterranean lake leaked into a shaft above them, blocking their exit. (AP)

HAITI
One Killed in Police Raid

Attacking by land, sea and air, police raided a slain gang leader's slum on Monday and arrested a dozen of his cronies in retaliation for a police station attack the day before. A female bystander was shot and killed, at least two people were wounded and 12 were arrested in the west coast slum of Raboteau, Radio Metropole reported. (AP)

JAPAN
Amid Age Debate, Ex-Premier Says He Won't Run for Office

Former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone on Monday abandoned plans to run for re-election to parliament. Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi urged the 83-year-old ex-premier to retire last week, prompting Nakasone to accuse him of age discrimination. Nakasone announced his decision not to run after the party's election committee decided Monday to exclude him from its candidate lineup for Nov. 9 elections. (AP)

COLOMBIA
Bogota's First Leftist Mayor Will Aid the Poor — And Rich

Mayor-elect Luis Eduardo Garzon pledged Monday to work for Bogota's poor after becoming the first leftist to win the top office in Colombia's capital. Garzon also said he did not intend to forget about the rich, or foment class divisions. He said he would oppose some of President Alvaro Uribe's hardline tactics in the campaign to crush the leftist insurgency, particularly the mass arrests of suspected guerrillas. (AP)

Baghdad Bloodied By 4 Car Bombers

Dozens of people die in suicide attacks on Red Cross, police force

BAGHDAD | Striking in rapid succession, suicide car bombers bent on death for "collaborators" devastated the Red Cross headquarters and three police stations Monday, killing three dozen people and wounding more than 200 in the bloodiest day in Baghdad since the start of the U.S. occupation.

From north to south in this city of 5 million, the explosions left streetscapes of broken bodies, twisted wreckage and Iraqis unnerved by an escalating under-

ground war. The dead included eight Iraqi policemen, at least 26 Iraqi civilians and a U.S. soldier.

Iraqi and U.S. authorities in Baghdad blamed the coordinated quadruple blasts on foreign fighters intent on targeting those they accuse of collaborating with U.S. forces. One captive would-be bomber was reportedly carrying a Syrian passport.

But in Washington, Pentagon officials said they believed loyalists of ousted President Saddam Hussein were responsible. U.S. President George W. Bush said insurgents had become more "desperate" because of what he said was progress in Iraq.



An injured Iraqi police officer is comforted by his son at a hospital in Baghdad on Monday. The man was wounded in a bombing at the Al Khadhra police station.

The tactics suggested a level of organization that U.S. officials had doubted the resistance possessed. In past weeks, bombers have carried out heavy suicide bombings but in single strikes.

The blasts left the Red Cross examining whether to decrease its presence in Iraq. **CHARLES J. HANLEY (AP)**

Recoiled: Red Cross employees no longer feel safe under its symbol of benevolent aid. Today's Post: Section A

WHO KNEW? When the Soyuz space capsule lands in Kazakhstan Tuesday, it will be only the second time a U.S. astronaut has come home in a Russian craft and landed on foreign soil.

Arafat Not A Target, Sharon Says

JERUSALEM | Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said for the first time Monday that Israel has no plans to kill Yasser Arafat.

Israel's Cabinet last month decided to "remove" Arafat at an unspecified time in response to Palestinian suicide bomb attacks, prompting speculation the Palestinian leader would be expelled or assassinated.

"I don't see any plans to kill him," Sharon told a delegation of lawmakers from the European Union.

Sharon delivered his assessment as Israel confirmed plans to begin providing services to eight settlement outposts in the West Bank. The announcement dealt another blow to the faltering U.S.-backed peace plan, which calls for a construction freeze in Israeli settlements and removal of outposts erected since 2001. (AP)

Arrest Rattles Russian Market, Nerves

MOSCOW | Shares in Russia's largest oil firm plunged and dragged the Moscow stock market down with them Monday, the first trading day after the weekend arrest and jailing of its billionaire chairman.

President Vladimir Putin defended prosecutors' decision to arrest Russia's richest man, Mikhail Khodorkovsky, whom special forces seized in a stunning operation at a Siberian airport. But fears were

high that the move could stall the Russian economy, which recently has seen robust progress back from the 1998 collapse of the ruble.

Khodorkovsky's arrest was an escalation of the probe into the Yukos oil company that began in July and that many analysts and politicians have speculated is politi-

cal revenge for the tycoon's funding of opposition parties.

Earlier in the day, after Yukos shares lost 20 percent, trading on the Moscow exchange was halted for an hour. The ruble, which this year has made an overall 12 percent rise against the U.S. dollar, dipped 1 percent. **JIM HEINTZ (AP)**

Putin's dilemma: He breaks his silence and disavows plans to revise the 1990s privatization of state assets, but defends tycoon's arrest. Today's Post: Section A

DENMARK | A MERMAID'S TALE

RESTORATION: A crane returns the Little Mermaid statue to its pedestal overlooking Copenhagen's harbor in Denmark on Monday. The statue, which stood on the same perch for 90 years, underwent \$21,000 in repairs after it was blown into the water last month by vandals using explosives.

U.S. Citizen Freed After 3 Years In Chinese Jail

BEIJING | China deported a Chinese-born American citizen convicted of obtaining state secrets and put him on a plane to the United States on Monday.

Fong Fuming, 68, had been on a list of 13 prisoners that the U.S. government identified to China as priority cases.

Fong was sentenced to five years in March 2002 after being detained for nearly two years, and was given credit for time served. (AP)

Repairs: With Fong's release, China attempts to address U.S. complaints about human rights. Today's Post: Section A

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World

Vatican Condemns Court's Crucifix Ban

Pope says he will not allow it to be excluded from public life in Italy

ROME | An Italian judge's order that the crucifix be removed from a public school drew a rebuke Monday from the Vatican and set off outrage across a country that officially separates church and state.

"Many things can be removed from us Christians. But the cross as a sign of salvation we will not let them take," the pope was quoted as saying in the Vatican newspaper. "We will not allow it to be

excluded from public life."

The controversy erupted after Islamic activist Adel Smith won a court ruling last week to have a crucifix removed from his sons' elementary school in Ofena, 90 miles northeast of Rome. The school has a month to abide by the court's ruling, which can be appealed.

The issue may be gaining such attention because Italy has only recently begun to acknowledge large non-Christian groups in its society. One estimate says there are now as many as 800,000 Muslims in this country of 57 million people.

TOM RACHMAN (AP)

THAILAND | WATERLOGGED



APICHAET WEERAWONG/AP

HIGH AND DRY: A father pushes his son on a bicycle as he wades through floodwater in Petchaburi, Thailand, on Monday. The government has warned that more flooding could occur to the south of Bangkok.

Deadly Summer Yields to Bitter Cold in France

PARIS | Still reeling from a summer heat wave that may have killed 15,000 people, France is tackling a new enemy: The cold.

Authorities have opened extra beds for homeless people and ordered police to watch out for the vulnerable after an unseasonable cold snap gripped the French capital over the weekend.

Temperatures in Paris dropped to 29 F over the weekend, according to Meteo France, the national weather service. Two people have died from the cold since Friday.

In Paris, the city dispatched three patrol cars manned by a driver, nurse and social worker to respond to calls and look for people needing help, said Stefania Parigi, director of the city's emergency social services.

"With all the individuals who died this summer in the heat wave, I have the impression that people have become much more vigilant," said Parigi. (AP)

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'End of an Era' in District

Walter Washington, historic mayor of D.C., dies Monday at age 88

WASHINGTON | Officials in the nation's capital said Monday the death of the city's first elected mayor in modern times marked the "end of an era."

Walter E. Washington, the great grandson of a slave, died Monday at Howard University Hospital. He was 88.

After Washington served 25 years as an administrator with the public housing authorities of D.C. and New York City, President

Lyndon B. Johnson appointed him mayor-commissioner of the federally controlled city in 1967.

Following two reappointments to the post by President Richard Nixon, Washington ran for mayor in 1974, defeating Clifford Alexander to become the city's first elected mayor in 104 years.

Current Mayor Anthony A. Williams ordered flags throughout the city flown at half-staff. Washington's body will lie in state Friday at the John A. Wilson Building, followed by a Saturday



Washington after he was sworn in as the District's mayor on Jan. 3, 1975.

funeral at Washington National Cathedral. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

People's mayor: Milton Coleman reports that Mayor Walter Washington acted in the way he felt would best serve the District | washingtonpost.com/metro

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Witness Details Sniper Attack in Aspen Hill, Md.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | One of the first fatal victims of a three-week sniper spree last October staggered for help before collapsing at the side of a minivan and leaving a trail of blood, a witness testified Monday at the trial of John Allen Muhammad.

The minivan's driver, pediatrician Caroline Namrow, said she heard a loud bang at an Aspen Hill, Md., gas station the morning of Oct. 3, 2002, then saw cab driver Premkumar Walekar walk toward her car.

"He walked up to the passenger window and said, 'Call an ambulance.' Then he fell," Namrow testified.

Namrow, whose 1-year-old son was in the minivan's back seat, called 911 and tried to render assistance. She told Walekar he would be all right, though she suspected



Dr. Caroline Namrow testified Monday against John Allen Muhammad.

otherwise.

"From the amount of blood I saw ... and the fact that his pulse was so thready so fast, I realized this was a potentially fatal injury," she said. The testimony prompted Walekar's widow to leave the courtroom in tears. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Revisiting the past: Tamara Jones continues her coverage of the sniper trial | washingtonpost.com/metro

Rockville Leaders Consider Adopting Ban on Smoking

ROCKVILLE, MD. | Rockville lawmakers have proposed their own smoking ban legislation to bring the city in line with a new county ban that has prompted some smokers to patronize city establishments where smoking is still allowed.

The mayor and most of the city's four council members appear to support the legislation, which is being considered two weeks before city-wide elections, Rockville spokesman Neil Greenberger said.

County councilman John Hall said the lack of a city ordinance has created disparity between businesses in Rockville and Gaithersburg, which don't currently fall under the county's regulation, and those in unincorporated areas that do. (AP)

Teen Arrested for Mercury Theft

WASHINGTON | District police arrested a student in connection with the mercury spill at Ballou High School. Members of the Metropolitan Police Department's Environmental Crimes Unit arrested an unidentified 16-year-old boy Monday and charged him with theft of the mercury. "It's an ongoing investigation," said Sgt. Joe Gentile, an MPD spokesman. (AP)

SCENE OF THE CRIME

While testifying Monday, Louisiana woman identifies Lee Boyd Malvo:

→ **A witness testified Monday** at the trial of sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad that she saw fellow suspect Lee Boyd Malvo at the scene of a killing in Louisiana. As Muhammad's trial resumed, Tina Leonard of Baton Rouge, La., said she is certain she saw Malvo standing over the body of

Hong Im Ballenger, who was shot Sept. 23, 2002, outside a beauty store she managed. Leonard said she instantly recognized Malvo when she saw his picture after his arrest in last year's series of sniper attacks. "Once I saw the boy on TV ... it was him," she said. "I was positive." (AP)

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Money

In Brief

TAXES

Millions in Child Credits, Tax Refunds Go Unclaimed

The Internal Revenue Service on Monday said almost 116,000 checks worth more than \$50 million in advance child tax credit payments await claim. Taxpayers who moved or changed their names might not have gotten their payments and need to contact the IRS by Dec. 5 to collect the payment this year. After that, taxpayers can collect the credit when they file their 2003 tax return. (AP)

HEALTH CARE

UnitedHealth to Buy Mid Atlantic Medical Services

Managed care giant UnitedHealth Group agreed to buy Rockville, Md.-based Mid Atlantic Medical Services Inc. in a \$2.95 billion deal that would give the combined company a leading position in the mid-Atlantic region. Together they provide health benefits or related network services to more than 3.5 million people in the region. (AP)

TRADE

G-20 Vows to Help Iraq's Debt, Global Trade Talks

Finance officials from the European Union and 19 countries, including the United States, wrapped up a meeting in Mexico on Monday with promises the Group of 20 would help Iraq lower its debt load and restart global trade talks that collapsed last month in Cancun. (AP)

Bank of America To Buy Out Fleet

BOSTON | Bank of America Corp. on Monday said it would buy FleetBoston Financial Corp. in a deal initially valued at \$47 billion.

The new company will have about 5,700 branches — nearly twice as many as nearest rival Wells Fargo — and a combined \$930 billion in assets, second only to Citigroup Inc.

The combined company would have annualized revenue of \$27.9 billion and be No. 1 in the nation with 33 million retail customers, a 9.8 percent market share and 16,551 ATMs, the two companies said.

The announcement was a blow to Boston's status as a financial center. Fleet's roots go back centuries



Bank of America CEO Kenneth Lewis, left, and FleetBoston Chairman and CEO Charles "Chad" Gifford at a news conference Monday in New York.

to when Boston banks financed the nation's shipping and textile industries.

Shareholders and regulators must approve the deal. JUSTIN POPE (AP)

Tobacco Giants Merge U.S. Operations

CHARLOTTE, N.C. | R.J. Reynolds Tobacco and British American Tobacco PLC on Monday agreed to merge their American tobacco businesses, uniting the nation's second and third largest tobacco companies in an effort to blunt the attacks of sagging sales and cheaper brands.

British American is the parent company of rival Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.

Under the deal, a new publicly traded holding company will be formed called Reynolds American Inc., which will rank second in U.S. market share, after Philip Morris USA, a unit of Altria Group Inc.

The transaction is expected to close in mid-2004, pending approvals from regulatory authorities and RJR shareholders, as well as Internal Revenue Service rulings.

PAUL NOWELL (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
FleetBost	39.20	+7.40	+23.3
Miller h	6.56	+91	+16.1
McMoRn	12.62	+1.62	+14.7
ChiYuc	31.21	+3.64	+13.2
ComScop	14.60	+1.70	+13.2

Losers

Bk of Am	73.57	-8.29	-10.1
Rostele	11.28	-1.01	-8.2
Anthem	71.05	-6.21	-8.0
MS EEur	26.10	-1.90	-6.8
Wellchce n	32.28	-2.27	-6.6

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.94	0.91
2-year	1.78	1.86
10-year	4.26	4.39
30-year	5.14	5.24

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Avistar	2.03	+62	+44.0
NaviSite rs	5.02	+1.52	+43.4
ClickCm s	5.19	+1.50	+40.7
eGainCm rs	3.08	+88	+40.0
MKTG rs	7.30	+2.01	+38.0

Losers

CellegyPh	2.45	-.53	-17.8
Excellignc	5.55	-.89	-13.8
Phystrmx	2.38	-.37	-13.5
EncrMed	5.75	-.87	-13.1
PRG Schlz	4.90	-.61	-11.1

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5900	.5890	.6447
Canadian Dollar	1.3116	1.3066	1.5675
European Euro	.8514	.8460	1.0238
Japanese Yen	108.54	109.25	124.23
Mexican Peso	11.0950	11.1480	9.9770
Taiwanese Dollar	33.98	34.01	34.80

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+25.70	+17.32	+2.22
+0.27	+0.93	+0.22
9608.16	1882.91	1031.13

Biotech Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Amersham	62.31	+.01	+40.3
Amgen	60.83	-.64	+25.8
AppBio	22.55	+.21	+28.6
Biogen	37.21	-.44	-7.1
Chiron	56.02	-.58	+49.0
Genentech	79.82	+.02	+140.7
Genzyme	47.04	-.04	+59.1
GileadSci	57.42	-.99	+68.9
IDEC Ph	32.42	-.31	-2.3
IMS Hlth	22.98	+.18	+43.6
LabCp	33.80	-.27	+45.4
MedImun	26.49	-1.01	-2.5
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Sports

Little Given the Hook by Red Sox

Boston skipper has been under fire since Game 7 of the ALCS

PRO BASEBALL | Red Sox manager Grady Little will not be back next year, paying the price for his decision to stick with Pedro Martinez in Game 7 of the AL championship series.

The Red Sox let Little go on Monday, less than two weeks after Boston blew a chance to play in the World Series when its ace couldn't hold a lead against the New York Yankees.

The Florida Marlins beat the Yankees in the Series that wrapped up Saturday, ending baseball's embargo on major moves, freeing the Red Sox to cut Little loose.

Little's contract expires Friday, and the team decided not to exercise its 2004 option.

"He took it very well," Red Sox president Lucchino said. "He was very gracious. There was no anger or raised voices. On the contrary, he thanked us for the opportunity



Grady Little relieves pitcher Pedro Martinez too late in Game 7 of the ALCS.

he had been given to manage the Red Sox and to manage in the big leagues. ...We will now seek a new manager for the long term to take us in a new direction."

Among the names mentioned as possible successors are Jim Fregosi, Bud Black, Glenn Hoffman, Charlie Manuel and Jerry Remy.

The Red Sox won 93 and 95 games in Little's two years as manager, reaching the playoffs this year for the first time since 1999.

JIMMY GOLEN (AP)

MLS to Partner With Mexicans For Expansion

SOCCER | The Chivas of Guadalajara want to buy a Major League Soccer expansion team, a move that would allow one of Mexico's most popular teams to operate a franchise in the United States.

MLS commissioner Don Garber said Monday that the league has reached an agreement in principal with Chivas owner Jorge Vergara.

Garber said Vergara and the league wanted to have a Chivas USA club ready by April for the start of next season, but that the new squad probably won't take the field until 2005.

MLS and Chivas officials are touring possible sites for the new team, including Houston, Chicago and Los Angeles, but Garber said both sides were "leaning toward" San Diego. (AP)

Wuerffel Rejects Redskins' Offer

Spurrier: 'We're in a bind' if Ramsey is injured against Dallas

PRO FOOTBALL | Danny Wuerffel won't be rejoining the Washington Redskins, leaving coach Steve Spurrier in a bind if he needs to play a backup quarterback Sunday against the Dallas Cowboys.

After releasing Rob Johnson last week, Spurrier wanted his former Heisman Trophy winner from Florida to return as the backup for Patrick Ramsey.

Wuerffel said no, preferring to remain with his expectant wife and continue ministry work in New Orleans.



DANNY BOY: Wuerffel, a backup last year, rebuffed Spurrier's request.

"Danny sort of said, 'Hey, I've had enough of that football,'" Spurrier said.

Injury bug: The Washington Redskins might be without their two top running backs and an offensive lineman in Sunday's game vs. Dallas | Today's Post, Sports.

Mavs Dare Teams to Outscore Them

PRO BASKETBALL | After an active offseason, the Dallas Mavericks still don't have anyone who can handle Shaquille O'Neal, Tim Duncan or Kevin Garnett.

Then again, the Mavs figure, neither does anyone else. So after being spurned by Alonzo Mourning, they decided to try improving what they already did best — scoring.

Dallas took the league's highest-scoring offense and juiced it up more, bringing in Antoine Walker and Antawn Jamison to join its Big Three of Dirk Nowitzki, Steve Nash and Michael Finley.

The message is clear: To beat

the Mavericks, teams will have to outscore them.

The new-look Mavericks will debut Tuesday night against another revamped lineup, the Los Angeles Lakers. Karl Malone and Gary Payton will try sending Dallas to its 26th straight road loss against the Lakers. JAIME ARON (AP)

Crystal ball: A preview of the NBA season, which begins Tuesday night with three games, including the Mavericks-Lakers contest | Today's Post, Sports

Gordon Prevails in Rain-Soaked Race

CAR RACING | Jeff Gordon held off a strong challenge from Tony Stewart on Monday to win the rain-interrupted NASCAR Winston Cup race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

The Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, which was halted by rain Sunday after just 39 of 325 laps, ended under a caution after pole-winner Ryan Newman was sent spinning into the wall with a tap on the rear bumper by Dale Earnhardt Jr. just

as they battled for sixth place four laps from the end.

Gordon, who had gone 22 races without a win before taking the checkered flag Oct. 19 at Martinsville, has three wins this season and 64 in his career.

Gordon passed six-time Atlanta winner Bobby Labonte for the lead on lap 277 and stayed out front the rest of the way to earn his second victory in as many weeks. (AP)



Jeff Gordon celebrates after winning in Atlanta on Monday afternoon.

HEARSAY | REPLAY

"Dump the whole thing. We have spent so much money on this thing and it doesn't work."

—RAVENS HEAD COACH BRIAN BILLICK DURING A POST-GAME TIRADE SUNDAY AGAINST INSTANT REPLAY. DESPITE HIS OUTCRY, BILLICK'S TEAM BEAT DENVER.

Today's TV Lineup

PRO HOCKEY (7:30 p.m. on ESPN2) The New York Rangers go for their third straight victory when hosting the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, who are off to a slow start this season.

PRO BASKETBALL (8 p.m. on TNT) The San Antonio Spurs' defense of the World Championship begins with a home game against last year's rookie

of the rear, Amare Stoudemire, and the Phoenix Suns.

PRO BASKETBALL (10:30 p.m. on TNT) Despite his legal problems, Kobe Bryant will play for the Los Angeles Lakers in their season opener against the Dallas Mavericks, who traded for Antawn Jamison and Antoine Walker in the offseason.

In Brief

PRO FOOTBALL Eagles Lose Thomas for Year

Eagles defensive tackle Hollis Thomas will have season-ending surgery Tuesday after tearing his left biceps in the final minute of Philadelphia's victory over the New York Jets. Running back-returner Brian Westbrook probably will miss Sunday's game against Atlanta with a high left-ankle sprain, and Pro Bowl cornerback Bobby Taylor could miss his second straight game with a foot strain. (AP)

PRO BASKETBALL Stackhouse on Injured List

The Washington Wizards placed forward Jerry Stackhouse on the injured list Monday, ruling him out for the first five games of the season. Stackhouse had scar tissue removed during surgery on his right knee on Oct. 22, and there is no timetable for his return. (AP)

Home, Murderous Home

A new batch of mysteries offers some unreal estate

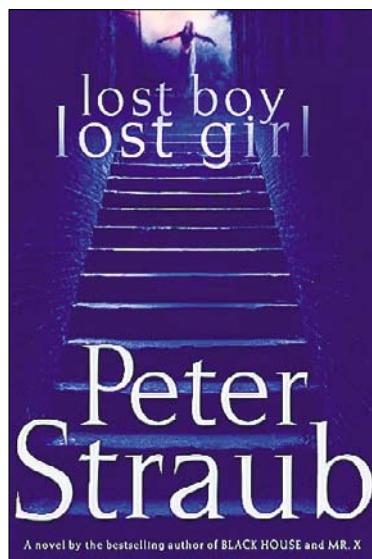
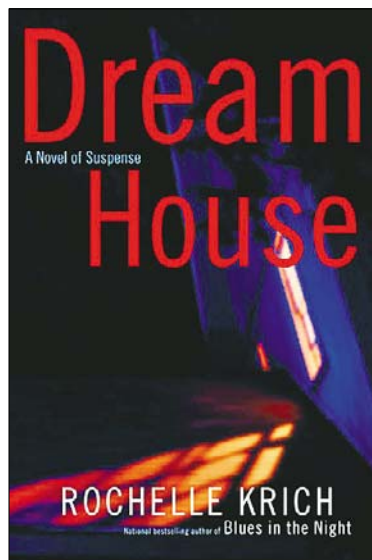
BOOKS | Houses are scenes of mayhem, malevolence and murder in four new thrillers.

The books, by M.C. Beaton, Peter Straub, Rochelle Krich and Sara Paretsky, are among the latest hardcover novels of mystery and suspense, which also include works by Patricia Cornwell and James Lee Burke.

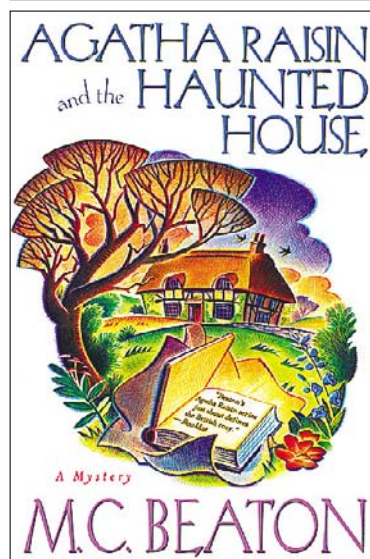
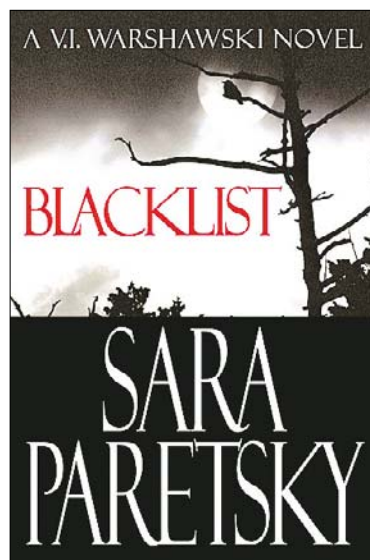
In Beaton's "Agatha Raisin and the Haunted House" (St. Martin's), Raisin, English villager and amateur sleuth, investigates her 14th case when a house haunted by whispers, footsteps and a cool white mist becomes the scene of the suspicious death of its ill-humored inhabitant.

Another piece of unreal estate is the locale for Straub's "Lost Boy Lost Girl" (Random House). A teenage boy disappears soon after his mother's unexpected suicide. His uncle, a horror novelist, follows his trail to an abandoned house that had been the object of the boy's obsession and where a child-murderer is thought to be hiding.

Probably more like a nightmare is "Dream House" (Ballantine), Krich's latest adventure featuring crime reporter Molly Blume of Los Angeles, where increasingly violent vandalism is occurring



CRIMES AND NUISANCES: Hauntings, vandalism, hidden corpses and abductions plague residents in a new batch of mystery and detective novels for fans of all tastes, from cozy (Beaton) to contemporary (Paretsky and Krich) to eerie (Straub).



in a posh part of town. Halloween pranks of broken windows and egg-pelting escalate into murder and arson at the home of a curmudgeon whose daughter has been missing for months.

Merely watching a friend's empty house breeds trouble for Chicago private eye V.I. Warshawski in Paretsky's "Blacklist" (Putnam), the series's 11th installment. When Warshawski pursues a nighttime intruder, she falls into a pond and surfaces holding hands with a corpse, the body of a reporter missing since the 1950s.

In Cornwell's "Blow Fly" (Putnam), the series's 12th, Kay Scarpetta has left her post as Virginia's chief medical examiner and moved to Florida to become a private forensics investigator. Jean-Baptiste Chandonne, the evil "Wolfman" who tried to kill her, offers to reveal family secrets to Scarpetta in a private audience from his cell on death row. Meanwhile, she's helping investigators puzzled by a rash of abductions in Louisiana.

Also in the Pelican State, New Iberia Police Detective Dave Robicheaux returns to New Orleans when his friend, a priest, is brutally assaulted in Burke's "Last Car to Elysian Fields" (Simon & Schuster). The investigation reopens a 50-year-old case involving a blues musician who disappeared inside the notorious Angola Prison. **RON BERTHEL (AP)**

Top Stops

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The Crown Passes: Hail the New Earle

I Yes, Steve Earle and Stacey Earle share a family name, and there's a resemblance between his kicked-around country-rock and hers, but the little sister is the one to watch. Hear Stacey and Mark Stuart's intense, rootsy folk.

Iota, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 8:30 p.m., \$10; 703-522-8340. (Courthouse)



Soulful, timeless country: Stacey Earle steps into the limelight on her own.

Ladies' Night: Cliff's 'Founding Sisters'

2 A trip to the library of Washington's own Sewell-Belmont House, headquarters of the National Women's Party, tells the story: There isn't a comprehensive history of the women's rights movement. Fortunately, Newsweek editor Eleanor Clift has written "Founding Sisters and the Nineteenth Amendment," from which she'll read tonight.

National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW; 6:30 p.m., free, but reservations are required; 202-662-7129. (Metro Center)

Main Squeeze: Dino Saluzzi

3 Let the mope-rockers descend on Belle & Sebastian tonight; we'll be front and center for Dino Saluzzi, master of the sobbing, seducing, haunted bandoneon, the accordion's tango-playing cousin.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

The Strokes, Treading Water

MUSIC | Any sense that the Strokes' downtown New York pedigree carried with it an element of danger is wiped away during the handclaps and hokey Cars-like synthesizer line on "12:51," a reminiscence of teenage romance on their new album.

Most of the New York rock bands from 25 years ago that the Strokes model themselves after were partly pop bands, too. That's a strength the Strokes have absorbed and makes "Room on Fire" (RCA) while not exactly a sonic innovation, at least a lot of fun.

This tight, tuneful disc whips by in 33 minutes. The Strokes became stars and earned much praise for their debut, but sound more comfortable in their own skin on this album — consolidating influences and asserting their own sense of style. Give Drew Barrymore credit for taste: Her boyfriend, drummer Fabrizio Moretti, is the band's secret weapon.

Singer Julian Casablancas tosses off quick, memorable lines in impressionistic songs: "I want to be beside her, she wants to be

admired," he sings in the album opener. He practically croons in spots. The heavily distorted vocals are a gimmick that is quickly getting old, though.

The Strokes are vulnerable to criticism for running in place here, and may have more pressure to be scene leaders than they deserve or can accept.

Nothing wrong with mastering what you do best, however. "Room on Fire" is the sound of a solid, fun rock band doing precisely that. **DAVID BAUDER (AP)**



Casablancas: still surly, still distorted.

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Entertainment

Unfulfilled Prophecy

MUSIC | Some viewers of the Fox sitcom "That '70s Show" have wondered about the show's theme and the music used to underline dramatic moments.

Why are they playing tunes that no one who lived through the period remembers?

Those songs are the work of the Memphis ensemble Big Star, which, despite making quality music, found success to be elusive.

The new Ryko release "Big Star Story," a comprehensive best of, serves to illustrate why, for many, this critical favorite may be the greatest band of which you've never heard.

Big Star formed in 1971 with guitarist/vocalists Alex Chilton and Chris Bell, Andy Hummell on bass and Jody Stephens on drums. Chilton was already familiar to the general public as the voice of the Box Tops, the blue-eyed soul outfit who scored a Billboard chart-topper in 1967 with "The Letter."

The group's first recording, "#1 Record," featured blissful pop, melodic rock and acoustic ballads. It also boasted the boredom anthem "In the Street," the eventual theme to "That '70s Show."

Hopes were high for this release and for 1974's "Radio City" (from which the Bangles later eked a minor hit with a cover of "September Gurls"). But, the band still claims, the records disappeared due to the



In spite of the band's name, Big Star never became big stars — just legends.

inability of distributors to meet demand for the product.

The third Big Star album became the stuff of legend. "Kanga Roo" and "Holocaust" were tracks of such desolation that it has even been suggested Chilton was deliberately sabotaging his own work.

The album has been called "Third," "Femme Fatale" and "Sister Lovers," but the world would not be able to buy a legal copy under any title until 1978 for, around the time of its recording, its record label went under. Big Star itself soon folded.

Posthumously, Big Star has gradually acquired a legendary, cultish status. R.E.M., Jeff Buckley and the Replacements have all acknowledged its influence and all three albums are accepted in many quarters as neglected classics. SEAN EGAN (BILLBOARD.COM)

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Another 24 Hours

A cult TV favorite returns — from three years in the future

TELEVISION | Among drama series, "24" is probably the zaniest. It's also one of the most engrossing and addictive shows on the air.

Thus does "24" travel those twin tracks, fearless in its high-stakes action while daring us to laugh at the outrageous lengths to which it's willing to go to keep us thrilled.

"24" returns for a new season

tonight at 9 p.m. on Fox. During this — the first of 24 episodes covering 24 hours of a single hectic day — counterterrorism agent Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland) is right back where he belongs: in another jam to save the city of Los Angeles and environs. This time, bad guys are threatening to turn loose a highly contagious virus.

It's 1 p.m., three years after the assassination attempt against President Palmer (Dennis Haysbert) with which last season ended. Palmer is OK — well, maybe — but



Sutherland puts in another day's work.

ROBERT VOETS/AP/FOX

Bauer is already looking under the weather.

Further complicating Jack's day (on "24," everything happens at once) is daughter Kim (Elisha Cuthbert) as usual. She now works with Dad at CTU, where she's secretly betrothed to a handsome young colleague named Chase (newcomer James Badge Dale). As if Jack didn't already have his hands full, Kim picks today to tell him the big news.

Goofy and exciting, "24" airs this week without commercial interruption. No wonder: There's not a moment to lose.



FRAZIER MOORE (AP)

In today's Post: Should '24' cut its losses or is it still going strong? Tom Shales on the return of Fox's most-talked-about, but not most-watched, sorta-hit series.

TopStops

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A Farcical Situation: 'Funny Thing' Happens

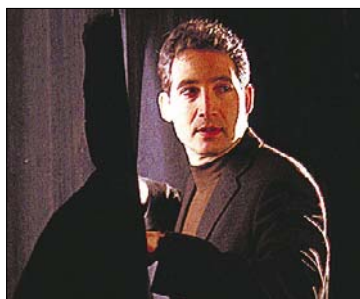
4 Signature Theatre knows its Stephen Sondheim, and what more refreshing corrective to the overlong, undergood "Bounce" than one of the master composer's loosest creations? The classic farce "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" opens tonight and features local theatrical darling Floyd King. Through Dec. 14.

Signature Theatre, 3806 S. Four Mile Run Drive; \$28-\$42; 703-218-6500.



If you want subtlety, you've come to the wrong place. Floyd King in "Forum."

ON TV TONIGHT



ANDREA CROSS FOR WGBH

THE BIGGEST BALL OF TWINE
THE ELEGANT UNIVERSE ON "NOVA"
(8 p.m., PBS) For those not up on their physics, string theory embraces the new and exciting notion that the entire universe is made up of infinitesimally tiny strings of energy.

The strings are too tiny to be seen or measured, so belief in the theory borders on faith. But a growing number of scientists think that string theory may

be a variation on the unified theory of, well, everything, that Albert Einstein was working on during his final decades.

Parts one and two of "The Elegant Universe" take viewers from Newton's theory of gravity through 20th century theories of relativity, electromagnetism, atomic physics and quantum mechanics. It's truly the stuff of science fiction, and great, thought-provoking, even mind-blowing, television.

POOR IN SPIRIT

RICH GIRLS (10:30 p.m., MTV) Facing Nick and Jessica withdrawal without "Newlyweds"? Console yourself with a series following two young heiresses as they shop, party and name-drop.

CULT CHOICE

THE BLACK CAT (9:15 p.m., TCM) Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi team up in the stylish Art Deco-era shocker. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Personal Tech



SWAP MEET: Apple brings Windows users into the iTunes music service cult.

Apple Shares

FILE SHARING | Apple Computer Inc.'s iTunes music software rips and burns songs. It links you to a legal music store. It's easily downloadable. And now it's available to the 95 percent of computer users who depend on Microsoft Windows operating systems.

iTunes for Windows is as fully featured as the Mac software. The catch is that if you want to transfer songs to a portable player, you've got to use an iPod, which start at \$300. Still, compared with the Windows competition, iTunes can't be beat.

Even in Windows, iTunes resembles a program on the Mac OS X operating system. The interface looks like brushed aluminum — you'll either love it or hate it. Click on the rainbow eyeball in one corner and the view changes for quick, simple browsing by genre, artist or album. The navigation scheme is carried to the iTunes Music Store, which is always easily accessible and charges 99 cents per track or \$9.95 or more per album.

Apple also has partnered with Audible.com and offers 5,000 audiobooks for sale. For \$15.95, I purchased Walter Isaacson's recent biography of Benjamin Franklin. The process was as painless as buying a song. I burned it to six CDs simply by inserting blank disks and clicking a button.

In the latest version of iTunes, Apple has posted more artist biographies and what amount to liner notes. It's even got celebrity play lists. iTunes has also improved its organization of classical music, though the identification of composers, conductors and performers is still wanting.

One thing iTunes can't do is play or encode songs in Microsoft's secure Windows Media Audio format, which is becoming the standard for competing online music stores. Apple is sticking with the secure Advanced Audio Coding, the native format for its music store and, of course, the popular MP3 format.

MATTHEW FORDAHL (AP)



FAST FORWARD

Live Online

ROB PEGORARO's column appears Sundays in The Washington Post. He chats every other Monday at 2 p.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

I think my walls may be made of Kryptonite — I have trouble getting wireless reception in my living room, but my wireless router is in my bedroom. It's a 900 sq. ft. apartment. Any suggestions?

Yeah, that's really bad reception. Do you or a neighbor have any 2.4 GHz cordless phones in the apartment? They can cause interference and reduce the range of your WiFi access point.

I've been using Outlook Express (bundled with XP) with few complaints. Are there advantages to the new Microsoft Outlook that should make me want to buy the new Office package?

Outlook Express has about as much in common with Outlook as I do with the Pope. The two apps offer vastly different features. And Outlook is the only one of the two that actually gets any attention from Microsoft; OE hasn't had any new features in years. If you use e-mail a lot and have an ever-growing address book, Outlook will be much, much better.



Bill Gates heralds the release of Office 2003, which went on sale last week.

Not at This Address

E-MAIL | Leery of getting more junk e-mail, about three-quarters of e-mail users now avoid giving out their addresses, and a quarter have created separate addresses

for situations that might attract spam, a new study found.

The study, released this week by the Pew Internet and American Life Project, also found that a quarter of e-mail users are spending less time on e-mail as a result of spam.

But while the bulk of users — 86 percent — found spam annoying or a big problem, they differed on their definitions of what spam is.

Some 90 percent of users agreed that pornographic ads, investment deals and moneymaking proposals were spam. But only 81 percent felt that way about offers for products and services.

Spam is more of a problem for personal e-mail accounts than work accounts, and spam troubles women, parents and older people more than others. ANICK JESDANUN (AP)

MOVING CREW

Live Online

Talk fitness with the Post Health staff, aka **THE MOVING CREW**, every other Tuesday at 2 p.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

My legs itch when I run, whether I'm inside or outside. It's only when I really start to sweat, yet they don't itch when I'm sunbathing. Any clue why this happens?

You're not alone, oddly enough. The about.com Walking Web page has a pretty good article on this, as does Fitness magazine. Seems it can be a mild allergic reaction to clothing or lotion, etc., perhaps exacerbated by the body temperature increase of activity. Poke around on the Internet and you'll find more.

As a woman, I hear it is important to start weight lifting. I just started walking. So how do I start lifting?

If you've never used weights before, you can start with some soup cans — something light enough that you can do 8 to 10 repetitions. Miriam Nelson at Tufts University has a whole series of books on weight lifting based on her research (www.strongwomen.com). "Teach Yourself Visually Weight Training" by MaranGraphics seems to offer a lot of info, too. And push-ups are a great weight training exercise. Just start off on your knees.

Smoke Extinguisher

QUITTING | Smokers who want to quit can find plenty of help — from behavioral counseling to nicotine patches and gum to the smoking-cessation pill Zyban — but those aids don't work for everyone.

Seventy percent of smokers say they would like to break the habit, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But, in a study of Wisconsin smokers published earlier this year, 70 percent of smokers said they had tried to quit one to five times; most relapsed within a week. A new medication could help even those who find it particularly difficult to quit. The drug, varenicline, attempts to shorten the road to quitting by targeting the specific mechanisms in the brain involved in nicotine addiction.

In a small, seven-week study comparing the new drug, developed by Pfizer, with Zyban and a placebo, 48 percent of smokers taking varenicline were able to quit smoking. In contrast, 33 percent of smokers taking Zyban were able to quit; 16 percent of those taking a placebo kicked the habit. None of the participants knew which pill they were taking. Now the pill has been ushered into a larger, international study to corroborate the effects seen in the earlier study.



BRAIN FOOD: Varenicline works by activating the brain's nicotine receptors.

Varenicline activates the nicotine receptors in the brain, altering the normal response to the substance. It does this in two ways, by allowing the brain to think the nicotine has arrived, thus satisfying the craving, but by not being pleasurable enough to contribute to craving and addiction.

Nicotine delivered via cigarette acts like a 100-watt lightbulb in the receptor, says Dr. Karen Reeves, executive director of manufacturer Pfizer's global research and development program; varenicline acts like a 50-watt bulb in the same receptor.

Researchers say the drug's biggest advantage may be in its ability to soften the blow of a relapse. "If the smoker lapses and smokes a cigarette, varenicline has the potential to diminish the sense of satisfaction associated with smoking," Reeves says, "this is likely to prevent a lapse from turning into a full-blown relapse."

The continuing studies on varenicline will explore dosage, possible side effects and how to best use the medication. Varenicline did not cause any serious side effects in the early studies, Reeves says.

SHARI ROAN (L.A. TIMES)

WHO LIGHTS UP

Smoking has dropped dramatically since the 1960s. In recent years, the trend in smokers quitting has flattened out.

MEN

Year	Percentage of population who smoke
1965.....	51.9 percent
1970.....	44.1
1980.....	37.6
1985.....	32.6
1990.....	28.4
1995.....	27.0
1997.....	27.6
1998.....	26.4
1999.....	25.7
2000.....	25.7
2001.....	24.9

WOMEN

1965.....	33.9 percent
1970.....	31.5
1980.....	29.3
1985.....	27.9
1990.....	22.8
1995.....	22.6
1997.....	22.1
1998.....	22.0
1999.....	21.5
2000.....	21.0
2001.....	20.6

Nuts Make the Grade

NUTRITION | Though the benefits may not have been proved beyond a shadow of a doubt, packages of nuts will soon include the health claim that nuts can help lower cholesterol.

The Food and Drug Administration recently eased its restrictions on allowing manufacturers to make such claims on their product labels. Previously, food makers needed to have "significant scientific agreement" to carry a health claim on food labels. For example, high-fiber foods could have a label stating that diets high in fiber can reduce the risk of some types of can-

cer, which scientists almost universally believe to be true.

Now foods can carry a health claim with a corresponding grade (A, B, C or D) that reflects the quality of the scientific evidence behind the claim, even if it's not conclusive. An A grade means the FDA believes there is "significant agreement" backing it up. The claims, along with their accompanying grades can be placed on labels and in advertising.

Nuts are the first food to apply

for and receive permission to run a health claim under the new program. Makers of almonds, hazelnuts, pecans, pistachios, walnuts and peanuts can run a level B health claim (the evidence is moderate but not conclusive) as long as the nuts are not packaged in fatty foods.

The B grade reflects studies that show nuts appear to lower cholesterol, but too few studies have been done to show with certainty that nuts can reduce the risk of certain diseases. SHARI ROAN (L.A. TIMES)



Under new FDA regulations, peanuts can officially make claim to scientific evidence that they're healthful.

New Drug For Lupus

DRUGS | CellCept, a drug used to prevent organ rejection in transplant patients, works as well as chemotherapy for treating kidney failure from lupus but with fewer side effects, a study shows.

Lupus is an inflammatory disease that affects between 500,000 and 1.5 million people in the United States. About half of lupus patients develop lupus nephritis, which can cause kidney failure.

There have been no new drugs for lupus in 30 years, said Sandra C. Raymond of the Lupus Foundation of America. MIKE SCHNEIDER (AP)



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NEVER GROW UP: Andrew Agne of Riverside, Ill., tries on a wig for his Tinkerbell costume at a costume shop on Saturday.

Ghouls of All Ages

Adults are claiming Halloween for themselves

TRENDS | Step into Frank's bar and you'll get a glimpse of what Halloween is becoming.

The popular Chicago tavern has been decked out for weeks in black and orange, and patrons can order drinks with such names as "Sex on a Tombstone." On the night itself, manager Robby Ehlert expects to see a number of costumes that won't be G-rated.

"A lot of the costumes are, uhhh, not costumes kids would wear," he says with a chuckle. "You'll see sexy cops, sexy pirates — anything sexy basically."

Increasingly, Halloween is a holiday for adults, sometimes celebrated with kids but often without them.

"I've never seen a season like this," says Joe Marver, founder of Spirit Halloween Superstores, a chain of nearly 200 specialty stores nationwide that open just for the weeks preceding the holiday.

Marver says most adults used to wait until the last minute to throw together a costume. But this year,

he's already had to reorder some lines of adult-sized garb. Adults now represent up to 65 percent of his costume sales, a noticeable shift compared with years past.

"I think our generation is a little more hesitant to let go of childhood than past generations," says Ehlert, who is 30. "We want to hang on to Peter Pan as long as we can."

Meanwhile, others are carving out their own holiday traditions.

At OrangeYouGlad, a three-woman design firm in New York, Halloween is an "official company holiday." Last year, the trio dressed as "Domo-kuns" — friendly space creatures from Japanese lore — and attended the packed annual Halloween parade in Greenwich Village. The following day, they traipsed around town posing for photos with tourists.

Experts say the traditions that gave rise to Halloween — the Celtic "Samhain" festival and the British All Hallows' Eve — were mainly for adults in the first place.

"The notion that Halloween is

FRIGHTENING FIGURES

A recent survey by the National Retail Federation found that young adults are hanging on to Halloween.

- In the 18-to-24 category, 57 percent said they plan to dress in costumes, and nearly half plan to attend a Halloween party.
- In the 25- to 34-year-old category, it was 45 percent and 37 percent, respectively.
- Respondents in their 40s and 50s were more likely to decorate their homes.

simply for kids is a misconception based on the centrality of trick-or-treating in the 1950s, when there was an attempt to take the mischief out of Halloween and 'infantilize' it," says Nick Rogers, a history professor and author of "Halloween: From Pagan Ritual to Party Night."

He says the Greenwich Village parade was among the first to reignite adult interest in the 1970s. Today, he estimates two-thirds of adults celebrate Halloween.

MARTHA IRVINE (AP)



FREAK SHOW

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

A RESOUNDING “speak for yourself” came to mind after reading “More Adults Don’t Want to Grow Up” (Oct. 27). Those who are lucky enough to escape being an adult will soon find the real world will proffer them little refuge: No amount of time at home will diminish this fact.

Adulthood starts when you’re forced to face the realities of life outside of your parents’ umbrella; or, for me, when you start providing that umbrella to your parents — age really has nothing to do with it.

—ELMER P. SASLO
Washington, D.C.

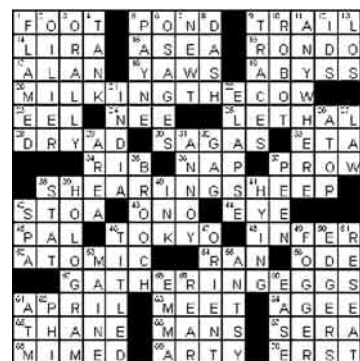
KEN ONG SAID in his Oct. 27 letter that “all life is sacred” and that no one has a right to pull the feeding tube for Terri Schiavo. Simply put, Mr. Ong doesn’t know what he’s talking about. For all intents and purposes, Terri Schiavo is a corpse. A living, breathing corpse, but a corpse nonetheless. And unfortunately, despite Florida law and her husband’s wishes, the government has stepped in and her life is being prolonged. I deeply resent how the self-righteous attempt to dictate how everyone should live and die, just as long as their own personal beliefs are upheld.

—ANTHONY D. ROBERTS
Springfield, Va.

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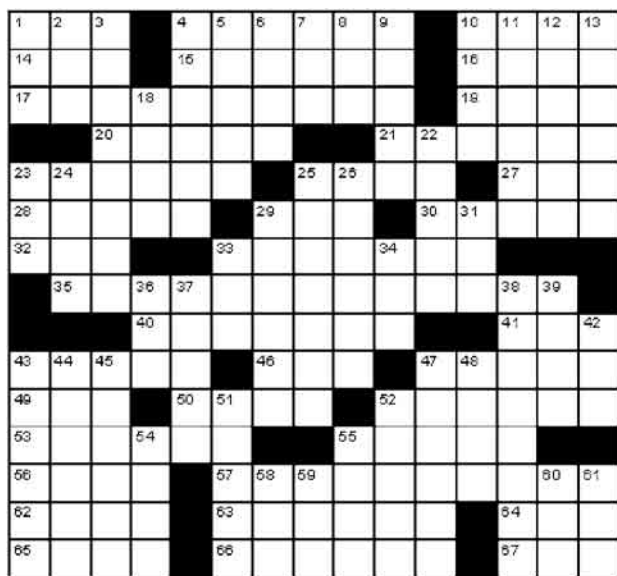
Yesterday’s Solutions



Crossword Puzzle | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Bashful colleague
- 4 Minor Leaguer's goal
- 10 Farmer's locale, in song
- 14 Night predator
- 15 Incite
- 16 "The Time Machine" leisure class
- 17 Showy annual
- 19 Pitcher's error
- 20 Leftover plastic
- 21 Irritate
- 23 Actor Snipes
- 25 Scottish kinsmen
- 27 Slender fish
- 28 April sign
- 29 Rhythm starter?
- 30 Danny Thomas role
- 32 Screw cutter
- 33 Forum participant
- 35 Pottery treatment
- 40 Carriers, of a sort
- 41 Curiosity victim
- 43 Improvise
- 46 Bench's implement
- 47 Drillmaster's command
- 49 Neckline shape
- 50 Moses laid them down?
- 52 Reprimand
- 53 Clears the board



- 55 Opinion
- 56 Carry on
- 57 Sampling group
- 62 A Jackson
- 63 Twisted at the end?
- 64 Where men hoop it up
- 65 Oinker entree
- 66 Produce
- 67 High-pitched bark

DOWN

- 1 Don'ts partners
- 2 Rent alternative
- 3 Of higher grade
- 4 Groups of staff officers
- 5 Set out for display
- 6 Advance
- 7 Nuttype
- 8 GI R&R provider

- 9 Contour feather
- 10 6-Down result
- 11 Past happy
- 12 Dillydallied
- 13 Probable
- 18 Opposite of flushed
- 22 Conclude with
- 23 Study hall ammunition
- 24 Idle actor?

- 25 Multiplexes
- 26 Habitually idle person
- 29 Roar
- 31 One-time spokesman Fleischer
- 33 Word with bum or bunny
- 34 Foil material
- 36 "Who ___ to judge?"
- 37 Monthly bill
- 38 Searching examination
- 39 Mediocre writer
- 42 Word with end or man
- 43 Deflects
- 44 Run off the tracks
- 45 Rough shed
- 47 Ketchum's Dennis, e.g.
- 48 Watch for the cops, maybe
- 51 Jellied dish
- 52 Revived the pilot
- 54 Tops a different way?
- 55 Fish lunch meat
- 58 Boston Bruins Hall of Famer
- 59 Macabre writer
- 60 Sash for Madame Butterfly
- 61 Carpet fuzz

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may feel that your current routine is stifling you. But you're not exploring very real options completely.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Concentrate on a surprise development that could put more money in your pocket. Don't let anyone tell you that something is impossible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The quality of your day will depend on your ability to see the best in every situation. Look for those silver linings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — What begins as something of a charade may very quickly turn into the real thing — whether you know it or not. You may be surprised.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Seek the best way out of a difficult situation soon. Don't be deterred by locked doors.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This is a good day to focus on a relationship that has become more difficult to maintain recently. Speak openly and honestly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may not want to share with a loved one, as you're feeling rather protective of your own emotions. Opening up, however, brings freedom.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Accidents can happen any time, and in any place — so prepared in case you are somehow affected by some such unexpected occurrence.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You'll be watching the world go by, even as you tend to certain responsibilities. Be sure you know just what is expected of you at all times.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your enjoyment will be marred for a time by news about a friend or loved one. The trouble will be brief, but there's little you can do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone may be trying to get a message to you — but he or she has sent it in a most inefficient manner. Be receptive to all contact.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may be feeling swamped and overwhelmed, but this is a good day to combat that feeling by setting work aside and focusing on you.

TELECOMMUTING

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

GIL GORDON, a telecommuting consultant and board member of the International Telework Association and Council, was online Monday to discuss The Post's special report, "The Road Ahead: Solutions for Now."

I am very interested in the telework option and I think I'm a good candidate. Alas, my employer won't go for this option. How do I find an employer who will?

Don't be so quick to rule out your current employer. See if you can get your boss to agree to let you try it one day a week for a month. If not, then you need to start looking. Keep in mind that few employers hire teleworkers from the outside; most choose from among current workers. Check recent news articles citing employers with telework programs for starters.

Can you tell us which federal agencies are most open to telecommuting workforces? Are any state governments in the Maryland-D.C.-Virginia area friendly to this concept?

In general, the larger the agency the better the odds, but that's not always true. There are pockets of telework in many agencies. Check www.telework.gov for more info. Both Maryland and Virginia state governments have become pretty telework-friendly.

Given the chronic transportation issues affecting this region, why haven't the state and local governments considered laws or incentives to stimulate telework?

That kind of mandate for telework is tricky; we saw in the early 1990s what can happen when employers are required to implement trip reduction programs, and it wasn't always pretty. But if the traffic, and especially air quality, problems don't start getting resolved in other ways, then the mandate might follow. But I would rather see incentives — carrots are better than sticks.

Today on Live Online:

11 A.M.: Deborah DeYoung, manager of public and government affairs for AAA Mid-Atlantic, discusses traffic congestion at intersections in the metro area.

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Fans Get to Dress Ellen

Straight Eyes for the Queer Girl? Last week, **ELLEN DEGENERES** read several e-mails on her show from fans asking her to trade her trousers and sports shoes for a more feminine



look. She agreed to let her fans dress her for a day and is taking suggestions. But "I've dressed this way for a long, long time and I'm very comfortable this way," she said. (EXPRESS)



GIULIO MARCOCCHI/AP/GETTY

TABLEAU

Ignorance Is Bliss

Oh, to be young, blond and blank of stare. **PARIS** and **NIKKI HILTON** frolicked in fashion designer Jeremy Scott's spring show for Los Angeles Fashion Week on Sunday. Rather than sending his models down the runway, Scott reprised his New York performance: peep shows of naughty shepardesses, housewives, nuns and others — many of whom showed far more skin than the comparatively chaste Hilton heirs. (EXPRESS)



Iman, Tommy and David communicate the essence of the H Hilfiger lifestyle.

BRANDING

Sharing the H-Love

Rocker **DAVID BOWIE** and **IMAN**, his supermodel wife, will model together for the first time in advertising for Tommy Hilfiger's spring 2004 collection, H Hilfiger. Apparently, they "communicate the essence of the H Hilfiger lifestyle perfectly," said Hilfiger, who is "honored to feature them in my new campaign." Note to women everywhere: Iman, in addition to being the "ultimate supermodel," is also "the ideal woman," Hilfiger decreed. (EXPRESS)

VILE GOSSIP

She Just Beats All

"I'm a Karate Black Belt Yet Liza Beat Me Up Too ... And She Hits Harder Than a Man," read the headline on **LIZA MINNELLI**'s bodyguard's tabloid tell-all on Monday. Imad Handi, 26, told London's The Mirror that his former boss attacked husband David Gest with a lamp, then turned on him when he tried to subdue her. "She swung with a

tight-fist backhand and hit me very hard," said the London-based bodyguard. "It was frightening." Handi claims to have visited Gest in July in Hawaii, where he found him dazed by grief and morphine. "It's sad," he told the paper. "They have been alone all their lives and now they are alone again."

(EXPRESS)



MUSINGS

God Save the Queen

BRITNEY SPEARS is thinking of moving to Britain. "I went to London last week and it's so cool there," the pop singer told Britain's ITV in an interview broadcast Monday. "I'm thinking of moving there. It's really beautiful. I love it there." Spears, 21, is promoting her latest single, "Me Against the Music," which features vocals from adopted Londoner

Madonna. Spears also had advice for wannabe stars participating on the TV talent show "Pop Idol," counterpart of the U.S. show "American Idol." Both feature judge Simon Cowell's assessments of the hopefuls' singing abilities. "I would take his advice and whatever he said and tell him to shove it," Spears said. (AP)



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INTELLIGENT, INDEPENDENT, TRUSTWORTHY SBPF, 37, seeks down-to-earth, humorous, loving SWM, 28-40, who enjoys football, dining out, reading, movies, music and more. **742806**

RUSSIAN LADY, 35, attractive inside and out, fit, educated, ISO SWPM, 36-45. Sincerity and honesty a must. Reliable, established, ambitious, interested in LTR. **607135**

SACF, 30, SCORPIO, seeks someone who is kind, sincerity and honesty a must, loving, good sense of humor, 30-40, for friendship, possible LTR. No games. **644865**

REGARDEZ BIEN, ATTRACTIVE, energetic SBF, 30, 5'6", 120lbs, seeks honest, respectful, communicative SW/HM, 29-35, for friendship first, possible LTR. **349299**

ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT, CARING SWF, brown/igreen, new to the area, looking for handsome SM, 40-55, with sense of humor, for fun and companionship. **745053**

SOUTHERN BEAUTY, SBPF, 39, 5'8", no kids, enjoys outdoor activities, travel. Seeking SB/HPM, 37-44, N/S, bad boy/good guy, with a sense of humor, no kids. **739121**

ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SPF, 35, 5'4", slender, brown/green, enjoys art, playing piano, traveling, trying new things. Seeking handsome AM, tall, kind, honest SWPM, 30-40, N/S, for LTR. **723814**

SAPF, 37, ATTRACTIVE, petite, fit, well-educated, affectionate, financially secure. Seeking SWPM, 35-45, 5'8" and up, well-educated, fit, down-to-earth, no kids a plus, for LTR and possibly marriage. **963228**

SBF, 38, SAGITTARIUS, mother, works at nursing home, laid-back, enjoys dining, movies, seeks man, 32-45, for friendship, possible romance. **713900**

SBF, 38, 6', 145lbs, fit, enjoys sports, movies, dining out, and travel. Seeking SWPM with similar interests. **356120**

SF, 20, 5'4", 140lbs, black/brown, likes working out, reading, travel, sports, music. Seeking SHM, 21-30, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. **641792**

SBPF, 31, FAIR-SKINNED, feminine, full-figured, with great sense of humor, varied interests. Seeks SP/SM, 30-40, for friendship, laughs, intelligent conversation, possible LTR. **636668**

SEXY SF, 29, 5'5", 140lbs, long/brown, outgoing, professional, affectionate, loves comedy shows, beaches, and concerts. Seeking attractive, outgoing, independent, intelligent, WM, 29-45, N/S. **590049**

SWF, 33, ATTORNEY, new to area, tall, blonde/blue-green, Pisces, N/S, sports lover, enjoys traveling and jazz clubs. Seeking tall PM, 34-44, N/S, dog a+. **589833**

SWPF, CHRISTIAN, 5'8", blue/blond, easy-going, flexible, young-at-heart, loves kids,(mine are grown). Likes fun and excitement. Seeks WPCM, 40+, for companionship, Possible LTR. **500473**

DYNAMIC SBPF, 36, Afro-Brazilian, loves jazz, concerts, laughter, getting caught in the rain. ISO SBPM, 35+, mature, funny, spontaneous, willing to enjoy the small things. **496477**

SBF, 33, CANCER, N/S, seeks BM, 25-40, N/S, for dating/LTR. **441357**

SBPF, 26, 5'7", 160lbs, seeks tall SPM, 24-30, 6'2"+, with a good sense of humor, for friendship, fun and possible LTR. **389196**

ATTRACTIVE SB WOM, 33, down-to-earth, caring, enjoys movies, dining, outdoor. Seeking honest, caring SM, 30-39, race open, for friendship first. **393133**

AFRICAN LADY, SBF, 32, 5'9", looking for SM, 40+, race open, for long-term relationship. No games please. **610855**

SBF, 31, CAPRICORN, N/S, loves swimming, horse-back riding, golf. Seeking BM, 23-36, for dating. What are your pastimes? **584061**

ATTRACTIVE SBF, 26, one child, shapely, HPTW. ISO SW/HM, 26-32, for fun, going out, companionship. **570005**

SBF, BROWN/BROWN, 5", enjoys movies, walking on the beach. Seeking military SBM, 25-35. For casual dating. **542926**

SB MOM, 38, 5'5", would like to meet a man who loves children, bowling, biking, movies and other fun things. **520455**

SOUTHERN GAL, 37 SBF 5'2", down to earth, enjoys concerts, movies, quiet times at home. Seeking SBPM, 35-45, for friendship and possible LTR. **486549**

ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED SBF, 36, Gemini, N/S, seeks WM, 36-40, N/S, who is educated , with no children, for LTR. **452998**

SASSY SPF, 37, N/S, enjoys working out, movies, travel, reading. Seeking mature SPW, N/S, N/Drugs, with similar interests, to enjoy life with. **439614**

38-YEAR-OLD SBF, MOTHER, enjoys keeping busy and more. Looking to chill with an independent, honest, affectionate, fun-loving SBM friend for the winter and beyond. Thrifty for life and good times? **884369**

SWF, 38, TRAVELED world, glad to be home. Seeking friend with whom to dance, ski, hike, skate, debate politics, etc. Hope for LTR, kids, but friendship comes first. **786175**

SHF, 31, LEO, N/S, 5'7", black/brown, open-minded, enjoys cooking, watching movies, spending time at home, seeks easygoing, fun, open-minded woman, 30-40. **688239**

TALL, BEAUTIFUL, BLACK, plus-sized professional female, 32, ISO tall professional male, 32-40, for dating. **640310**

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SF, 27, Aries, N/S, educator, tall, athletic, seeks African-American S/DM, 24-37, N/S, for sharing fun, dinner, movies, sporting events. **727939**

SBF, 24, LOVES to play basketball, pool and watch other sports. Seeking a man to keep active and sharp with. **718063**

CHANCE FOR ROMANCE, SBF, 36, 5'3", 165lbs. Educated, affectionate, down-to-earth, feminine, childless. Looking to develop, build, and create the impossible with you. SBPM, 38+, N/S. **495690**

GENTLE, BROWN-SKINNED WOMAN, 36, radiant smile and natural beauty, seeks kind-hearted, fit gentleman, 37-45, N/S, for nature outings, cultural events, and relaxed conversation. **470350**

SBP MOTHER, 35, N/S, is attractive, classy, honest, athletic, and seeking SBM, 38-45, who is secure, established, spiritual and honest. **472850**

DBF, 38, 5'5", 120lbs, enjoys walks, reading, traveling, music, the beach. Seeking honest, sincere man, for friendship first. **440790**

SBF, 32, ATTRACTIVE, intelligent, loves to read, watch movies, bowl, skate, play pool, take long walks. Seeking mature, humorous, family oriented SM, 33-55. **414069**

BF, 35, TWO CHILDREN, looking for a SM, 35-50, 5'10"+, for friendship and conversation first, maybe leading to more. Must like children. **387069**

SAPF, 38, SEEKS honest, sincere, good hearted, educated SW/APM, 35-48, N/S, who enjoys nature, music, for LTR. **895164**

BLOND, OUTGOING SWPF, 37, 5'6", athletic, outdoors, attractive. Seeking SPM, 35-55, with similar interest. For friendship first possible LTR. **730510**

PETITE SBF, 37, Sagittarius, N/S, seeks nice, loving, caring, friendly, honest man, 35-50, for LTR. **905439**

EDUCATED, PROFESSIONAL SAF, 57, seeks nice, intelligent, white gentleman, 57-65, with similar qualities. For LTR. **638605**

ATTRACTIVE, AFRICAN LADY, 35, 5'5", 125lbs, kind heart, intelligent mind, one child, enjoys hiking. Seeking sincere SPM, 30-45, physically/emotionally stable, N/S, for LTR. Race unimportant. **631362**

SBF, 35, IS in search of a B/HM, for cuddling, long walks, nights on the town, and more if we make a connection. **678150**

FEMALE SPORTS FAN, SBPF, 37, enjoys working out, travel, cooking. Seeking SBPM, 32-42, N/S, with similar interests. **644991**

I'M EVERYWOMAN. COSMOPOLITAN SWPF, 36, curly long brown/blue. ISO financially secure, young-looking SWPM, 40-50, athletic build, who wants to share all life has to offer. **610019**

SPACEY, SWEET, THIRTY-SOMETHING DWF mom, 5'4", Pisces, seeks nice, intelligent, good-looking and patient brown/dark-haired WM, 30-46, with free time. **589176**

NUBIAN PRINCESS, SBPCF, 35, 5'7", H/W proportionate, enjoys weekend trips, park walks, movies, outdoors. Seeking SBCM, 5'11"+, for companionship. **767234**

DWPF, 37, SINGLE mom, home owner, enjoys dancing, the beach, film, travel. Seeking honest, very attractive man with common interests and lifestyle. **544186**

SBPF, 38, 5'8", 140lbs, well-traveled, intelligent, attractive, friendly, enjoys concerts, dining, sports, romance. Seeking attractive, professional, secure SBM, 36-48, who works hard and plays hard. **484588**

VERY OUTGOING SBF, 34, 5'3", 145lbs, fit, in search of sincere, kind gentleman, 29-39. I have too many interests to list here; call, we'll talk! **469865**

SBF, 36, SCORPIO, I enjoy movies, outdoor activities. Seeking SBM, 36-48, for friendship first. Call me! **316044**

SBF, 32, PISCES, N/S, with kids, seeks SM, 32-60, who enjoys traveling, shopping, for dating, and LTR. **293934**

PRETTY SWF, 34, Leo, N/S, good morals and values, enjoys movies, nature, home life. Seeking Christian man, 33-45, for marriage and future family. **267890**

SBF, 35, 5'3", 150lbs, seeks SBM, muscular/husky build, serious inquiries only. **797601**

SBF EARLY 60s, down-to-earth, caring, stable, with passions for walking, flea markets, reading, musicals, and teas. Seeking stable, friendly, S/DBM with character for possible LTR. **962939**

CLASSY, FULL-FIGURED SBF, 27, seeks mature, handsome, down-to-earth SBM, w/sense of humor, 27-38, 225lbs+, 5'10"+, for friendship and enjoying activities. Dating first, possible LTR. **559393**

36-YEAR-OLD, AFRICAN-AMERICAN SF, 5'3", 150lbs, dark brown complexion, brown hair, no kids, laid-back, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, outdoor events, seeking gentleman, 35-40, with similar interests. **673648**

OUTGOING SBF, PRE-SCHOOL teacher interested in outdoor/nature activities, cultural/current events. **667109**

BLACK BEAUTY, 31, 5'8", professional, retired model, well-read, well-traveled, outspoken, classy, intelligent, French-speaking exotic lady ISO tall, intelligent, secure WM, 35-55. Call now. **648661**

24-YEAR-OLD SBF, 5'6", 120lbs, medium complexion and a great personality. Looking for a S/DM 26-55. I travel often but would like someone I could in enjoy my free time with. **650047**

PROWLING CARIBBEAN WOMAN, SBF, 32, enjoys dancing, movies, play wrestling, holding hands and cuddling. Seeking loving, independent, honest, romantic, non-smoking SM, 32-40. **646068**

EDUCATED, WORKING, 22-32, tall, 6'2"+, dark SM sought, must enjoy dancing, good communication. **653471**

FRIENDS FIRST WITH long-term prospects. SBPF, 33, smart, sweet, attractive, seeks SBPM, 30-45, intelligent, honest, witty, and spiritual. **638484**

CUTEY PIE, SBF, 26, 5'11", with a caramel complexion and light eyes, wants to meet a man who appreciates a shapely woman. **617959**

HEALTHY, ATTRACTIVE SBF, 36, loves to be courted. Seeking active, well-rounded, humorous SBM, 35-45, good listener and communicator. Able to share thoughts, concerns, and dreams. **584908**

SBF, 23, ARIES, N/S, mother, loves going out to eat, and just being herself, seeks man, 26-35, for dating. **573347**

B/AF, 38, SEEKS LTR, 5'2", size 16, wears it well. One child. Likes movies, comedy, walking, and sports events. Seeks tall, dark, strong, kind, honest man. **548897**

ATTRACTIVE SBF, 36, Cancer, N/S, seeks man, 36-55, who likes to give attention and receive. **559839**

PETITE SBF, 36, no children, interests include music, movies, reading, cultural events, dining out. Seeking a gentleman with integrity, intelligence, and essence of romance. **540858**

ALLURING, WELL-BRED WOMAN, 18, 150lbs, brown/brown, seeks attractive, outgoing GF who enjoys music, dancing, movies, and quiet evenings at home. **546253**

SF, 30, ENJOYS football games, baseball and hockey, beaches, mountains, hiking, fishing, outdoors, picnics, sunsets, holding hands. Seeking SWM, 28-40. **524427**

SF, 36, WOULD like to meet a strong-minded, good-looking, funny, successful, intelligent, sensitive, communicative, honest man, 35-50. **525711**

A GREAT GIRL! SWPF, 33, in search of SWPM, 30-35. Give me a call, let's talk and get to know one another! **528048**

ASIAN BEAUTY, 35, cute, petite, adorable, independent, educated lady, ISO SWPM, 30-38, tall, educated, unique, N/S, for friendship possibly LTR. **528566**

SWF, 38, 5'8", Catholic, enjoys biking, beach, hiking, dining out and dancing. Seeking SWM 35-48, N/S, for friendship and possible LTR. **527706**

SBF, 39, PISCES, N/S, seeks BM, 39-49, N/S, who is professional, and is honest. For a very serious relationship. **407432**

SWF, 39, TALL, blonde, former model, enjoys travel, dining out, movies, dancing, shopping, quiet evenings. Seeking outgoing, secure SM, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. **511942**

OPEN-MINDED, AFFECTIONATE DPF, 37, seeks SWPM, 38+, N/S, mature, intelligent, kind, for romance, leading to commitment and family. **512872**

SBFC, 32, HONEST, enjoys sports, children, family, travel, movies, quiet evenings. Seeking outgoing SCM, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. **511526**

VIBRANT, FULL-FIGURED SBF, 37, 6', enjoys theater, dining out, reading, and museums. Seeking SBM, 27-37, for LTR. Serious inquiries only, please. **513337**

VERY ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SWPF, 35, brown/green, enjoys art, music, playing piano and trying new things. Seeking tall, handsome, kind SWPM, for LTR, family. **488208**

FOOTBALL AND KID lov'n SWPF, 40, N/S, brunette, full-figured, athletic, children's pastor, seeks Christian S/DWPM of character, w/passion for life. Interested in LTR, possible marriage. **481912**

COOL WORLD, GREAT-LOOKING SB Taurus, 36, is passionate, loving, kind and looking for the same in a great guy. **473074**

ATTRACTIVE, FULL FIGURED SBF, 28, Leo, non smoker, who enjoys sports, outdoor activities and dancing. Seeking HM, 25-35, with similar interests. For friendship. **453458**

SHF, 36, SCORPIO, N/S, seeks WM, 36-45, N/S, who is spontaneous and likes to have fun. **443295**

Men Seeking Women

NON-SMOKING SBM, 21, 5'11", average build, N/S, many interests. Seeking attractive, outgoing SB/HF, 18-22, N/S, for LTR. **762646**

SBM, 21, 5'10", N/S, slim build, articulate, intelligent, likes travel, reading, movies, the arts. Seeking classy, cultured SB/HF, 18-35, who is ready to settle down. **763936**

ATHLETIC, NON-SMOKING SBM, 29, 5'9", likes fishing, movies, travel, working out, sports, music. Seeking SF, 23-38, with similar interests, for quality time. **764256**

MALE, 26, LEO, N/S, who loves to play Basket ball and more. Seeking woman, 24-28, N/S, to date and enjoy life. **784846**

OUTGOING AND FUN SBM, 5'7", Athletic build, 23, Sagittarius, smoker, seeks woman, 18-40, for friendship, possible romance. **751076**

OUTGOING, FUN SBM, 5'8", Average build, 30, Libra, smoker, who likes to work out and have fun. Seeking woman, 25-40, for friendship, possible romance. **759400**

GOOD-LOOKING, YOUNG, NICE, easygoing SBM, 18, Aries, N/S, seeks attractive, fun and energetic HF, 18-21, N/S, for LTR. **759410**

HANDSOME, SINCERE SBM, 5'11", slim build, 39, Cancer, N/S, who enjoys action and adventure movies. Seeking woman, 34-45, for friendship, possible romance. **760036**

EDUCATED, FUN, TALL SBM, marriage-minded, 6'6", Average build, 33, Sagittarius, N/S, seeks BF, 18-30, N/S, to start a new relationship. **762113**

FRIENDLY, HUMOROUS, WARM SBM, 21, 5'10", slim build, hard-working, responsible, likes sports, music, movies, having fun. Seeking laid-back SB/WF, 20-21, with similar interests. **746920**

HANDSOME, FUN MALE, 23, Capricorn, N/S, seeks BF, 22-26, to date and have fun with. **749215**

SBM, 20, VIRGO, smoker, seeks AF, 23-36, who likes to have fun, to date and start a new relationship. **751755**

SBM, MARRIAGE-MINDED, 40, 6'1", Leo, N/S, seeks BF, 40-45, N/S, who enjoys going out together, traveling, to date and enjoy a nice companionship. **751802**

SBM, 5'10", AVERAGE build, 30, Cancer, N/S, who enjoys having fun and relaxing. Seeking BF, 32-33, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. **756814**

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AFFECTIONATE, HONEST, GOOD-LOOKING SBM, 21, enjoys walks, basketball, tennis, soccer, parks, clubs, movies, casual dining. Seeking goal-oriented, humble, attractive, respectful, sweet lady to share happiness. **745512**

NIGERIAN MALE, 30, 5'7", in search of a nice, caring lady, same age, race unimportant, for possible relationship. **731920**

OUTGOING AND FUN SWM, 5' 7" Slim build, 47, Scorpio, N/S, seeks WF, 32-45, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. **730034**

SM, 42, TRUCK driver, seeks SBF, 35-43, who is serious about LTR. Friendship first. Give me a call, let's talk! **724824**

SBM, 22, COLLEGE student (studying engineering), country boy at heart, Taurus, smoker, seeks BF, 18-29, N/S, full-figured. **746951**

AN OLDER WOMAN, 40-55, wanted for dating, possible LTR. Fun, great-looking, built, younger SWM, 26. **725317**

SWPM, 30, 6', easygoing, intelligent, honest, sense of humor, enjoys travel, fitness, comedy, movies. ISO slender, intelligent SF, 22-32, for friendship, possible LTR. **963007**

ATTRACTIVE BM, 29, honest, romantic, affectionate, enjoys soccer, basketball, movies, travel, church, outdoors, seeking honest B/WF, 25-34, with similar interests, for relationship. **739712**

MALE, 34, LEO, N/S, enjoys reading, the gym, the outdoors, the indoors, seeks compatible woman, 30-40, for dating possible relationship. **741174**

REAL AND TRUE SBM, 26, Pisces, N/S, 5'11", slim build, has a lot going for him, seeks special BF, 25-32, for conversation, possible relationship. **728428**

WHERE ARE YOU? Attractive, ambitious, caring, honest SJM, 26, seeks intelligent, cute SJF, 22-28, who likes culture, city life and nice guys. **728078**

COMPLETE PACKAGE! HANDSOME, smart, fit, 36-year-old SBM (mixed), w/great sense of humor and many interests. ISO dynamic partner. Race unimportant. **622596**

GREAT EYES, SWM, 31, Aquarius, N/S, 6', 170lbs, fit, cyclist, research analyst, enjoys Bach, seeks honest, affectionate, sincere, humorous woman, 27-35, N/S. **699952**

NEW TO THE AREA, SBM, 35, 5'10", 201lbs, is in search of an adventurous, spontaneous woman, 21-35, for friendship, romance and more. **682575**

SWM, 31, 5'10", athletic build, Aries, N/S, loves camping in the mountains, plays soccer. Seeking WF, 23 to 33, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. **665914**

SWM, 37, 5'11", average build, self-employed, Virgo, N/S, seeks woman, 50-73, for adventure, fun, dining out, and intelligent conversation. **653040**